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GERMANY TO ATTEND LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IN LONDON

INTERCHANGES IN BERLIN

FRANCE PRESSING FOR THREE POINTS

IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION ASKED OF CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION

London, To-day.

The diplomatic interchanges leading to Germany's acceptance of the invitation started yesterday morning in Berlin. Baron von Neurath, through the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, requested an assurance that Britain would do her utmost to ensure the discussions of their peace proposals.

Mr. Anthony Eden's reply in the afternoon promised to do the utmost to find a means of effecting a peaceful and satisfactory settlement, stating that it was impossible to give a more explicit undertaking at this stage. At the same time Mr. Eden personally requested Dr. von Hoesch to urge Germany to send her representatives as soon as possible.

The German acceptance followed promptly, distinctly improving the atmosphere, though leaving the fundamental question unchanged, as the French are still determined to obtain satisfaction before negotiation on the German proposals. France is at present pressing for:

(1) The reference of the Franco-Soviet Pact to the International Court at The Hague;

(2) The appointment of a League Commission on the spot to prevent frontier incidents during the negotiations;

(3) A British guarantee for the Franco-Belgian frontiers.

It is understood that at yesterday afternoon's secret meeting the French and Belgian delegates pressed for the immediate discussion of their condemnatory resolution at a public meeting. At that moment Germany's reply arrived and the discussion was curtailed, but M. Flandin informed the meeting that in any case the vote on the resolution would have to be taken to-morrow morning, as he was leaving for Paris at midday. Efforts were to have been made to bridge the gulf at last night's meeting of the League Committee.

The League Council adjourned until 3.30 p.m. to-day after a speech by M. Edwards (Chile) promising that Chile would unhesitatingly accomplish her duty if the violation of Locarno were duly noted by the Council. — Reuter.

ELECTIONS IN EGYPT

Special Provision For Minority Parties

Cairo, To-day.

The Wafd Party has decided to leave 58 seats in the general election uncontested for the minority parties. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FRENCH GENERAL ELECTION

First Ballot On April 26

Paris, To-day.

The first ballot in the French general election will take place on April 26 and the second ballot on May 3, if necessary. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

GERMAN NOTE TO LEAGUE

Von Ribbentrop As Representative

CZECH ATTITUDE OUTLINED

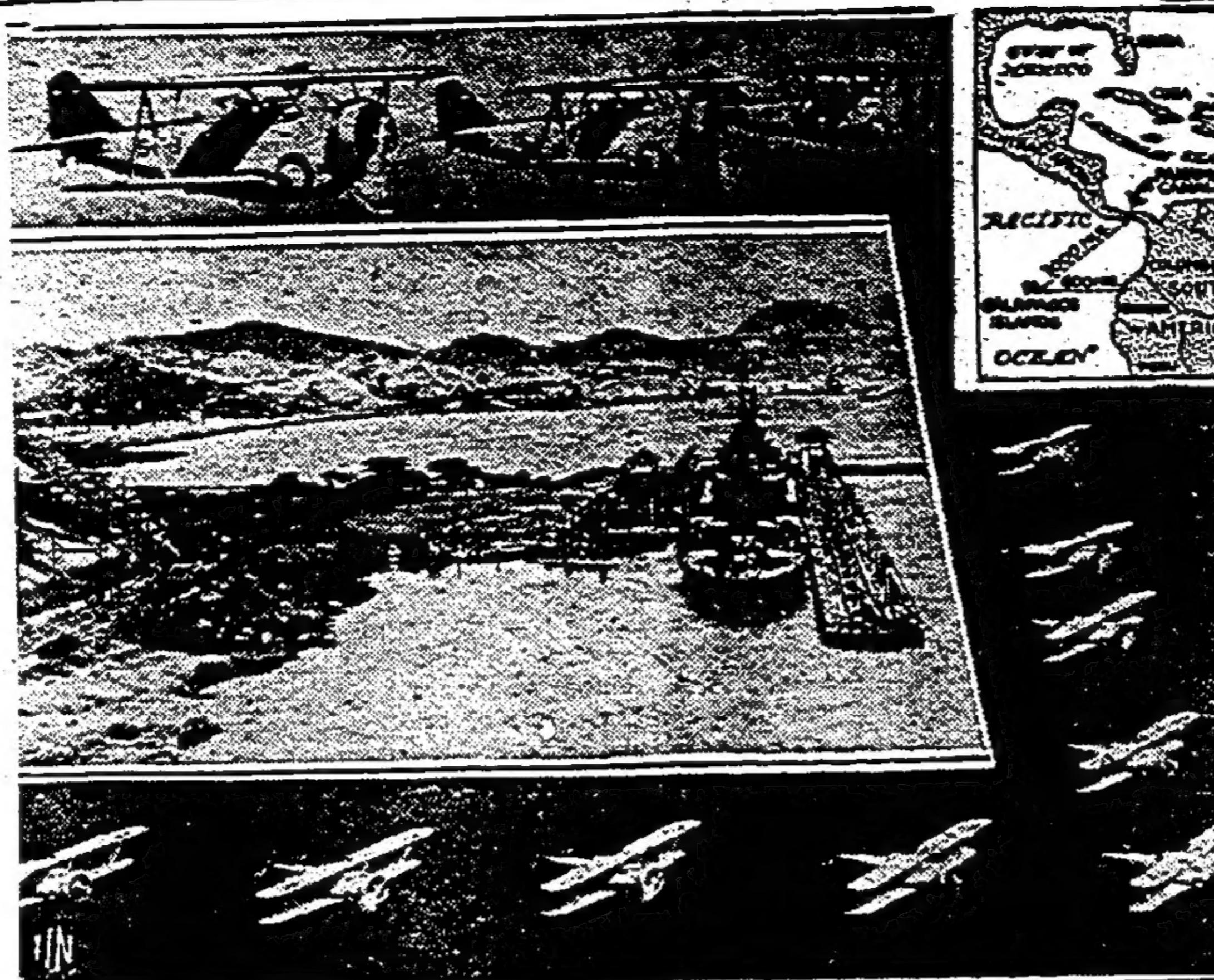
"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The Reich Minister for Foreign Affairs, Baron von Neurath, sent the following telegram to the Secretary General of the League of Nations, M. Avenol:

"I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your telegram of March 16. I have the honour to inform you that Ambassador von Ribbentrop will represent the German Government at the League Council session in the examination of the questions raised by the French and Belgian Governments. He will be at the disposal of the Council on Thursday morning." — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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The United States and Ecuador have completed diplomatic arrangements whereby 20 American Navy planes of the type shown above will be stationed at the Galapagos Islands, see map, as their base for manoeuvres over the Panama Canal, shown centre. This marks the latest step in America's air-preparedness programme.

JAPANESE POLICY PRIME MINISTER ISSUES STATEMENT

Tokyo, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, after the approval of the Cabinet and Imperial sanction, has issued a statement in enunciation of Japan's policies.

RAILWAYS IN KWANTUNG

Connecting Swatow And Canton

PROPOSED SCHEME

From Our Own Correspondent

Canton, To-day.

Several new railway lines may be constructed connecting Swatow in the East and Nanking in the West as a result of investigation by Mr. Chang Chia-nga, Minister of Railways of the Nanking Government, who is due to return here to-day from Nanning by aeroplane.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government has mapped out and surveyed the proposed track from Canton to Swatow but lacks money to construct this line. Minister Chang is requested to finance the project under the auspices of his Ministry.

It adds that the Government intends to carry out such administrative reforms as adequately meet the needs of the times and to enforce official discipline. — Reuter.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming marriages are

announced of Mr. Harry Lacey, a

soldier stationed at Lyceum Barracks, and Miss Gladys Ivy

Knowlden, a typist, of No. 119

Villiers Road, Plumstead, en route

to the Colony by the s.s. Rawal-

pindi; and of Mr. Gerardus Ma-

tinus Byvank, Consul for the

Netherlands, and Miss Antonia

Davidoff, of No. 207, Bubbling

Well Road, Ascot Apartments,

Shanghai.

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STATEMENT OF CASE TO-MORROW

VOTE ON VIOLATION OF LOCARNO TREATY

DR. VON HOESCH AS OBSERVER

London, To-day.

Germany has replied accepting the invitation in principle to come to London to attend the Council, on condition that she will have the right to negotiate her peace plans with the other Locarno Powers. A secret session of the Council is at present considering the reply. If the latter satisfies Herr Hitler the German delegation will reach London to-morrow, headed by Herr von Ribbentrop.

There were swift developments yesterday afternoon when it was learned that Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, yesterday communicated with Germany regarding Herr Hitler's second point, that his peace plans be discussed. Germany replied with prompt acceptance of the invitation, stating that Herr von Ribbentrop would be at the disposal of the Council to-morrow.

Dr. von Hoesch, German Ambassador in London, was invited to attend yesterday evening's meeting of the Council as an observer. A secret meeting of the Council in the afternoon discussed the German reply and decided that the vote on the Franco-Belgian motion affirming the violation of the peace treaty be taken to-morrow. On the same day the Germans will state their case and the members of the Council will reserve the right to reply.

ACTION DEMANDED

Later: At the secret session of the Council the President Mr. Stanley Bruce, Australian High Commissioner in London, said that he had urged Dr. von Hoesch to request Germany to expedite the arrival of their representatives in order to participate in to-day's deliberations.

The Council held a public session last evening. The first speaker, Rusta Aras (Turkey), said that as well as being the mediator the Council had a duty as the guarantor of security.

M. Litvinoff (Russia) declared that they could not struggle for collective organisation without measures against breaches of international obligations. The League could not be preserved if it accustomed an aggressor to ignore its admonitions and warnings.

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DEFEATED ARMY DISBANDS

Emperor's Anxiety Dispelled

TROOPS COMPULSORILY RECRUITED

Addis Ababa, To-day. Troops are being compulsorily recruited in large parts of Abyssinia, since about 5,000 soldiers of the defeated armies simply went home, apparently thinking they were wanted no more. They have, however, together with the new recruits been incorporated in the Negus's armies, and that of the hitherto undefeated commander of the southern army, Ras Nasibu.

Reports from Quonan state that several Italian planes carried out another bombardment on Monday.

ABYSSINIAN PROTEST

Geneva: A telegram has been received here by the Secretary-General of the League of Nations from the Abyssinian Government, protesting against the use of choke and other gas bombs along the whole northern front and at the bombardment of open towns in the interior of the country by the Italians, this being a flagrant breach of the agreement of 1925.

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MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES

"ATMOSPHERE HAS IMPROVED"

ALL LOOK PLEASED

London, To-day.

The meeting of the Locarno signatories, which began at the Foreign Office at 10 p.m. yesterday, ended at 30 minutes after midnight. They will meet again at 12.15 p.m. to-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, M. Flandin, Signor Grandi and M. Van Zeeland were present. They all looked very pleased after the meeting.

The general impression is that the atmosphere has improved. — Reuter.

RELIEF WORK IN U.S.A.

Huge Appropriation Necessary

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt announces that he will ask for more than a billion dollars for relief work in the coming financial year. The exact amount was not revealed, but is understood to be considerably under two billion. — Reuter.

PLANE DOWN IN THE ALPS

Rescue Party Finds All Well

Vienna, To-day.

The rescue party from Klagenfurt seeking the plane which had to make an emergency landing in the Carpathian Alps, arrived at its destination, and the first radio message received from it said that all was well, the injuries of one Italian passenger proving slight. — Trans-Ocean Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

AIR MAIL

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Saigon-Marseille via Saigon
Singapore-Australia

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Wednesdays and Saturdays, Reg. 10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.
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Canton-Lungchow—Saturdays, Reg. 4.30 p.m. Ordinary 5.00 p.m.
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At Kowloon Central Post Office the mails will be closed 1/2 hour before the above times.

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INWARD MAIRS.

FROM EUROPE

Mar.
Naldera (via Soes) 19
Pres. Jackson 20
FROM SHANGHAI Mar.
Pres. Jackson 20
Corfu 20
Ajax 24
Pres. Doumer 24
Gen. Sherman 27
Scharnhorst 27
Somali 27
Pres. Harrison 27
Emp. of Canada 27
FROM U.S.A. Mar.
Pres. Jackson 27
Pres. Harrison 27
Emp. of Canada 27
FROM STRAITS & INDIA Mar.
Kwangtung 18
Bangalore 18
Antilochus 20
Victoria 20
Yungsang 21
Tokushima Maru 21
Tashima Maru 22
Van Heutsz 24
Hakusan Maru 27
FROM MANILA Mar.
Kamo Maru 19
FROM JAPAN Mar.
Corfu 20
Pres. Jackson 24
Noto Maru 24
Toyama Maru 27
Montevideo Maru 27
Gen. Sherman 27
Fushimi Maru 27
Atsuta Maru 27
Pres. Harrison 27
Emp. of Canada 27
FROM AUSTRALIA Mar.
Kamo Maru 19
OUTWARD MAIRS.
FOR EUROPE Mar.
Emp. of Asia (via Vancouver) 19
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Naldera (via Siberia) 20
Corfu (via Marseilles) 20
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Victoria (via Siberia) 20
Pres. Coolidge (via Siberia) 20
Montevideo (Imperial Service) 23
Closes: Reg. 1 p.m. Ord. 1.30 p.m.
Pres. Doumer (Air Orient Service) 24
Closes: Reg. 10 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.
FOR STRAITS AND INDIA Mar.
Corfu 20
Montevideo Maru 23
FROM SHANGHAI Mar.
Emp. of Asia 19
Naldera 20
Victoria 20
Pres. Coolidge 23

THE REVOLUTION IN WOOLLENS

Due To Development Of Knitting

SWEATERS NOW POPULAR

The revolution which has taken place primarily in woollen stuffs, but also in silks and cottons, is perhaps due largely to the development of knitting. The sweater was once upon a time a daring innovation, where now it is an elegant occupation of young mankind and a garment upon which the whole wardrobe is based. At its extreme limit knitting is used for suits and for evening dresses, and not only wool, but gold thread is used for it. Innumerable and excellent knitting books vie with crossword puzzles for popularity, and the number of knitting novelties is always about to cease and never does. Knitting stitches are simple enough, but knitting patterns seem infinite. When to these are added threads of the most varying colour, texture, and shape, knitting becomes the most varied of materials, and it is small wonder that the woven materials should also be stirred to make changes.

It is indeed realised how odd the old stuffs would look to-day. Woollen dresses, for instance, are little more than envelopes shaped to the figure. They depend entirely for their effect upon their texture and colouring. This texture has taken on the ridges and criss-crossing of knitting; it has bumps and irregular weaving. Colours are mixed. Even plaids and checks depend for their effect as much on the texture of the stuff as upon its colour scheme. And the curious part of it is that knitting itself is reinforced by stuffs and tries as much as possible not to look like itself.

FOR JAPAN Mar.

Ixion 19
Emp. of Asia 19
Naldera 20
Kamo Maru 20
Pres. Coolidge 23

FOR MANILA Mar.

Pres. Jackson 21
Emp. of Canada 27
Ixion 19
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FOR U.S.A. Mar.

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BUT—MOTHER—PLEASE LET ME TAKE THE CAR—I WANT TO GO OVER TO MRS. DEERY NALTY'S GARDEN PARTY—

YOU HEARD ME—I'M HAVING A DRIVING LESSON TOMORROW—MISTER FATHER'S RIGHT WE HAVE GOT TO ECONOMIZE—

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IT'LL COST YOU FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIX MY CAR UP—

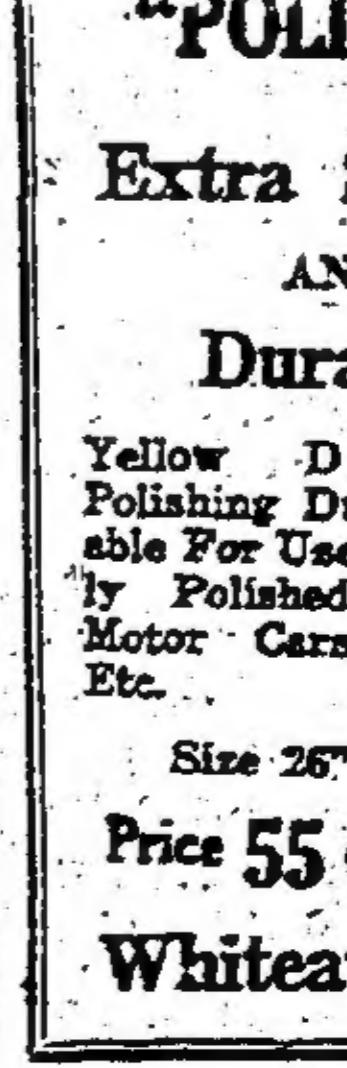
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HOW ABOUT TH' AMBULANCE BILL?

I WANT SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIX MY CAR—

MY BILL FOR MY MEDICAL SERVICE IS FIFTY DOLLARS—

Bringing Up Father



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On View from Tuesday the 17th March, 1936.

Terms: Cash on Delivery

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers, Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

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One Radio Set.

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers, Hong Kong, 16th March, 1936.

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

of Shareholders in the Company

will be held in the Jacobean

Room, 1st floor, Hong Kong Hotel

Pedder Street, Hong Kong on

FRIDAY, 27th March 1936 at

12.30 p.m. for the purpose of

Receiving a Statement of Ac-

counts and the Report of the

Board of Directors for the year

ended December 31st, 1935;

Electing Directors and Auditors,

and for the transaction of any

other Ordinary business of the

Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from

TUESDAY 17th March 1936 until

FRIDAY 27th March 1936, both

days inclusive, during which

period no transfers of Shares can

be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. L. KING,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1936.

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GENERAL NOTICES

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO. LTD.

4% DEBENTURES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that INTEREST for the six months ending 31ST MARCH 1936, on the above DEBENTURES will be payable at the OFFICES of the COMPANY ON THAT DATE.

THE REGISTER OF DEBENTURES will be closed from MONDAY, the 23RD MARCH, to MONDAY, the 30TH MARCH, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of DEBENTURES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

O. EAGER,

Secretary, Hong Kong 13th March, 1936.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 28th March, 1936 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 19th March, 1936.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Company Meetings

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned, on FRIDAY, the 27th March 1936, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1935.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March 1936, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.

Hong Kong, 6th March, 1936.

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March 1936, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 30th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,

Chief Manager,

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

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12.30 p.m. for the purpose of

Receiving a Statement of Ac-

counts and the Report of the

Board of Directors for the year

ended December 31st, 1935;

Electing Directors and Auditors,

and for the transaction of any

other Ordinary business of the

Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from

TUESDAY 17th March 1936 until

FRIDAY 27th March 1936, both

days inclusive, during which

period no transfers of Shares can

be registered.

By Order of the Board,

D. L. KING,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1936.

BRIDGE NOTES

Desperation Knows No Rule
By Ely Culbertson

It is difficult to formulate rules for the type of opening lead known as the desperation lead. This sort of lead is made without rhyme or reason when conventional procedure reveals no remote hope of defeating declarer's contract. In such cases an opening lead may be made from combinations through which no one would ever dream of leading under normal circumstances. One of the most sensational opening leads I have ever seen happened in the hand shown below:

South. Dealer

East and West vulnerable

S. K. 10 H. J. 9 6

D. A. Q. 10 6 5 3

C. A. Q.

S. J. 8 4 W. E. H. 5 3 2

D. K. J. 2 S. D.

C. J. 9 7 6 5 3

S. A. Q.

H. A. K. Q. 10 8 4

D. 9 8 7 4

C. K.

The bidding:

South West North East

1H Pass 3D Pass

3H Pass 5H Pass

6H Pass Pass Pass

The bidding was good. South's

four little diamonds being the fac-

tor which kept him out of seven.

Unless North's diamonds were

solid, a "trick" would probably be

lost in that suit. It will be noted

South used the Jump Trump Rebid

to show a nearly solid suit, but

the informative value of his bid

was in itself the reason the Four

Five Notrump Convention could

not be used, for North did not have

the necessary requirements to bid

four notrump. He had the two

Aces, but not the King of any suit

bid by South, his partner.

With normal defence, six

hearts could easily have been

made. West would have opened

South to sell his father's star

partner. It is a virile

story of a life that the world is

unfamiliar with, and Calleia is

cast in a role that gives him



ENGLAND IN FINAL OF INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNEY



With the winter Olympics under way at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, international attention was focused on Norway's great speed skater, Ivor Ballangrud, who, by his victories at Davos, Switzerland, loomed as the best skater in the world. His performance of skating to a 1,500-metre world record in a blinding snowstorm proved his speed and stamina.

C.R.C. BADMINTON SUCCESS

Two Newcomers Fare Promisingly

The Chinese Recreation Club beat the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by 8 games to 1 in the Men's Doubles Badminton League at Causeway Bay last night.

The C.R.C. introduced two new players in T. S. Lo and P. S. Choy, both of whom did quite well.

Detailed results of the match were as follows:—

S. P. Chan and W. C. Chey (C.R.C.) beat J. Harris and H. Heath 21-4
beat H. Hall and M. Merritt 21-3
beat Winfield and W. Sprague 21-5
T. S. Lo and P. S. Choy (C.R.C.) beat Harris and Heath 21-16
beat Hall and Merritt 24-21
lost to Winfield and Sprague 10-21
W. C. Ho and S. W. Liang (C.R.C.) beat Harris and Heath 21-14
beat Hall and Merritt 21-10
beat Winfield and Sprague 21-9

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
Elliott Hall "A"	15 16 0103 8 30
C. R. C.	18 14 4107 40 28
Recreo "A"	12 11 1 89 12 22
St. Andrew's "A"	18 11 4 84 52 22
Elliott Hall "B"	16 11 5 83 43 22
Recreo "B"	12 9 3 64 35 18
Fire Brigade	16 8 8 59 73 16
St. John's	15 7 8 63 75 14
V.R.C.	14 3 11 38 79 14
Kowloon Tong	17 2 15 44 100 4
St. Andrew's "B"	17 2 15 38 97 4
S. and S. Home	17 1 16 30 124 2

"HONG" SOCCER ENCOUNTER

Two Meet Taikoo On Club Ground

Another "Hong" football match will take place on the Club ground to-day, when Butterfield and Swire meet Jardine, Matheson in their annual encounter.

Two were featured in an exciting encounter last week, when they just managed to defeat Wayfong (H.K. Bank) by a solitary goal, and are fielding the same team this afternoon.

The teams are:—

"B" And "S"—N. P. Fox, P. C. Frost and M. Y. Fennies; J. B. Colls, G. K. Chindow, and B. S. Gallagher; J. G. Gotoworth, M. S. Cumming, J. Hutchison, H. O. Bramble, and M. W. Scott.

Reserve and Linesman—E. Miller, White Shirts and Blue Shorts.

Goals—P. White; F. G. Stevenson and M. L. Ealton; H. F. Hopkins; F. S. Nicholls and S. W. Tremlett; N. L. H. Ealton, E. O. Butler, C. Duncan, T. W. Parsons, and E. A. Gamber. Linesman—D. L. Newbiggin; Reserve—P. F. White.

TAVARES AGAIN IN GOOD FORM BUT FINCHER AND HUNG MUCH TOO STEADY SCOOSES STRIKES BAD PATCH

(By "Base-Line")

J. TAVARES again demonstrated his lawn tennis capabilities yesterday at the Hong Kong Cricket Club when he almost carried M. Drysdale for one set against Teddie Fincher and Willie Hung in the Second Round of the Colony Open Doubles Championship before a large crowd and in ideal weather.

His forehand was in good order in the first set, but was inclined to be erratic in the second. His cannon-ball service often faced Hung, but Fincher stood up to it in no uncertain way. Tavares brought off several clever angle-volleys, but was inclined to be caught on the wrong foot when coming up on his slower second service.

Drysdale, after a very indifferent start, brought off one or two well-positioned strokes on the forehand, but discounted the majority of these by faulty serving. He had a demoralising influence on his partner, who attempted too much himself in the closing stages.

Fincher was his steady self, always looking for the opening and knowing what to do when he found it. It is a great pity that he does not possess a more powerful service. Hung played very casually, but always brought off a brilliant shot following a careless error. As a pair they look very formidable, and it is going to take Lollie Goldman and Alec Pearce all their time to reach the Final.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

(By "BASE-LINE")

Lee Wai-tong will have to be at his best this afternoon if he is to enter the Third Round at the expense of Tennie Kwok, who is 15 better than he was when he lost to Sirdar Rumjahn in a preliminary round last year.

Lee's clever "drop" shots are likely to tire Kwok, but he has revealed plenty of stamina to date . . . and those "drop" shots are not as accurate as they were when they caused Teddie Fincher's downfall last year.

Lee does not possess a forehand drive and this may very easily determine the issue.

In the other two Singles matches Gray and Lu Tak-cheuk should win without much trouble.

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BRAWN CUP "REST" HOCKEY TRIAL

Miss A. Martin Fails As Leader

"Y" LADIES OFFER OPPONITION

In a practice game in preparation for the Brawn Cup Championships v. The Rest match, the probable "Rest" side shared eight goals with the "Y" Ladies of the Diocesan Girls' School ground yesterday.

The failure of Miss A. Martin at centre-forward and the excellent display of Miss S. West at left-half were the only features of note during the game.

Miss A. Martin did not distribute at all well and was inclined to play too much on the right wing thus starving the left flank. In the second half she changed places with Miss H. Bockler and played a better game at inside-left.

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HOLE IN ONE

Playing over the Deep Water Bay golf course on Tuesday, March 10, Commander T. A. Hussey of H.M.S. Tamar holed out from the tee at the 7th hole. The seventh is a bogey three hole.



Rfm. Hamilton (Rifles), above, won the Kowloon Marathon Race last Monday in the record time of 33 mins. 21 secs. over a distance of approximately 6½ miles. (China Mail photo).

PONY ROUP AT VALLEY

King's Fancy & King's Bounty In List

MAYFLOWER & PARTNERSHIP UNDER THE HAMMER

There are one or two well-known ponies going under the hammer at the Jockey Club Paddock this evening, commencing at 5.15 p.m., among the most prominent being King's Fancy, King's Bounty and Mayflower.

King's Fancy, which ran third in the Soldier of Britain and Gladiator in the China Stakes at the Annual Meeting, has won \$4,200 in stake money, while King's Bounty, a grand campaigner, has netted \$14,473 since he started racing in 1930.

Mayflower, which Mr. Tang Man-wei rode into third place to Cossack's Beauty and Ribble in the Old Course Plate this year, and which was beaten by only a length by Jungle Jim in the Curragh Stakes over a mile the following day, has won \$4,350 in stakes.

Partnership's Record

Partnership, which vied with Warrington for the distinction of being the best sub. in 1933, collected \$6,100, but has fared disappointingly in latter years.

Merry Time is undoubtedly the most promising of the three Australians up for sale, while Peter Davy, a game little sub., might reward his new owner.

Not So Dusty failed to be re-measured prior to January 1 this year and is therefore not eligible to race at any meeting of the Jockey Club, but it is understood that he is a very useful polo pony.

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F. J. ELMIS

Playing for them first at centre-forward and later at centre-half, he remained with them till the middle of 1934, when he was transferred to St. Joseph's, where he was tried on the right-wing and again failed. Given another chance, at left-half, however, Elms played a sound game in this position and

has been retained there ever since.

Handicapped by lack of weight and the ability to clear strongly, Elms' greatest asset is his speed in tackling and his clever distribution.

With A.V. Gosano (now with Creel) behind him at back, Elms shone in his very first year of senior football and received recognition in the Governor's Cup and the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition, when he played for Portugal.

He was given his first Interport trial in 1935, but lost his place to C. Parker (Police), while he also took part in this season's trial.

He was back again on the field in 1935, however, when he was instrumental in raising the Radio Sports Club team and entering them in the Third Division Play-

MAGNIFICENT PLAY BY SCOTS' DEFENCE RODGER, McLELLAN AND SHEWAN "SHINE" REED'S WONDERFUL GAME

(By "Sticks")

ENGLAND beat Scotland by 4 goals to 1 in their Semi-Final Round encounter in the local international hockey series yesterday on the Naval ground, King's Park, and were very lucky to have done so as three of the goals were very doubtful ones, two being scored from what appeared to be off-side positions and the last goal of the match being definitely a "sticks" infringement.

The outstanding feature of the game was the magnificent display given by the Scottish defence, in which Jack Rodger, the skipper, played a wonderful game, and was ably backed up by Blackburn, his partner, McLellan, the pivot, and the wing halves Norman Whitley and W. W. C. Shewan.

So well did the Scottish defence perform that the fast England attack was held until a few minutes before the interval, when Dawson equalised for England after Bond had given Scotland the lead.

Individually, the best player on view was W. A. Reed, who let very little pass him. His positioning was never better and there were numerous occasions when he cleverly intercepted a pass from McLellan to his forwards.

Scots' Forwards Fail

The most disappointing feature of the game was the failure of the Scottish attack to score from the many opportunities offered them, although they had only themselves to blame for starving their most dangerous winger, V. Bond, who, on the occasions he did receive the ball, made it obvious that he was their most dangerous forward.

Jessop, who deputised for Howlett in goal, brought off several splendid saves, while Blackburn, in front of him, favoured flat-time clearances in preference to the stop-and-hit methods.

One of the most pleasing features of the Scottish defence was the display given by Shewan, at right-half. He had the dangerous England left-wing combine of Divett and Dawson well in hand throughout the first half, and they could do very little in spite of the number of times they were placed in possession.

Tactical Error

Scotland's inside forwards made their biggest error in continually attempting to take the ball down the centre of the field instead of bringing their wingers into action.

After the failure of the England attack in the first half, several changes were made, Garthwaite moving to centre-forward, while Wraith was transferred to the left-wing, and from that point onwards everything went in England's favour and they gave the Scottish defence a gruelling time.

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CLUB HOCKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against an "A" Royal Navy team on the Navy ground, King's Park.



Pedro Montanez

Pedro Montanez seems to be on his way to the top in the lightweight boxing division following his sensational win over Al Roth, who gave Tony Carron a real workout not so long ago. Many New Yorkistic observers claim that Pedro, even though young, could give the veteran champion plenty to tend to if they should meet in the near future.

MR. S. C. LEUNG IN COLONY

"Crack" Tientsin Jockey

WILL RIDE ON MARCH 28

(By "RAPIER")

Race-goers will be interested to learn that Mr. S. C. Leung, who was one of the most successful jockeys in Tientsin last season, is at present in the Colony and that there is a distinct possibility that he will be seen in the saddle at the Second Extra Race Meeting on Saturday, March 28. He will possibly be taking out ponies from the Harbrad and L. T. F. stables.

I understand Mr. Leung, who last year registered over 45 wins in Tientsin, intends settling down in Hong Kong, and, from a well-known local authority, I gather that Mr. Leung's style "closely resembles that of Mr. D. S. Li," the Shanghai crack.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY HOCKEY

Rifles' Officers Win

SERGEANTS BEATEN 4-2

Included in the Royal Ulster Rifles' St. Patrick's Day celebrations was a hockey match between the Officers and the Sergeants of the Regiment at Sookunpoo yesterday, the game resulting in a win for the Officers by 4 goals to 2.

There were a large number of spectators at the game and their good-natured support added to the afternoon's enjoyment, though the Sergeants must have disappointed their supporters, who never appeared to tire from shouting words of encouragement to a team that was up against a superior side.

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NAVY AND ARMY IN TRIANGULAR HOCKEY CLASH

Marina Ground Should Aid Soldiers

NAVY MAKE SEVERAL CHANGES

The Army and the Navy will meet in their return Triangular Tournament hockey fixture this afternoon on the Marina ground, where the soldiers expect to avenge their former defeat.

In spite of the strength of the Army eleven — or paper they are almost up to Interport standard — they are at present at the bottom of the tournament table, but the Marina sand pitch should be all in their favour.

The Navy will be without the services of Lt. Burch, who is on the injured list, while Sub-Lt. Wraith, their inside-right, has been dropped in favour of Lt. Comdr. Broome.

Broome As Left-Back

Lt. Comdr. Broome will make a welcome reappearance at left-back for the Navy, and should considerably strengthen their defence. The Army team will be the same as that which shared the points with the Club last Wednesday.

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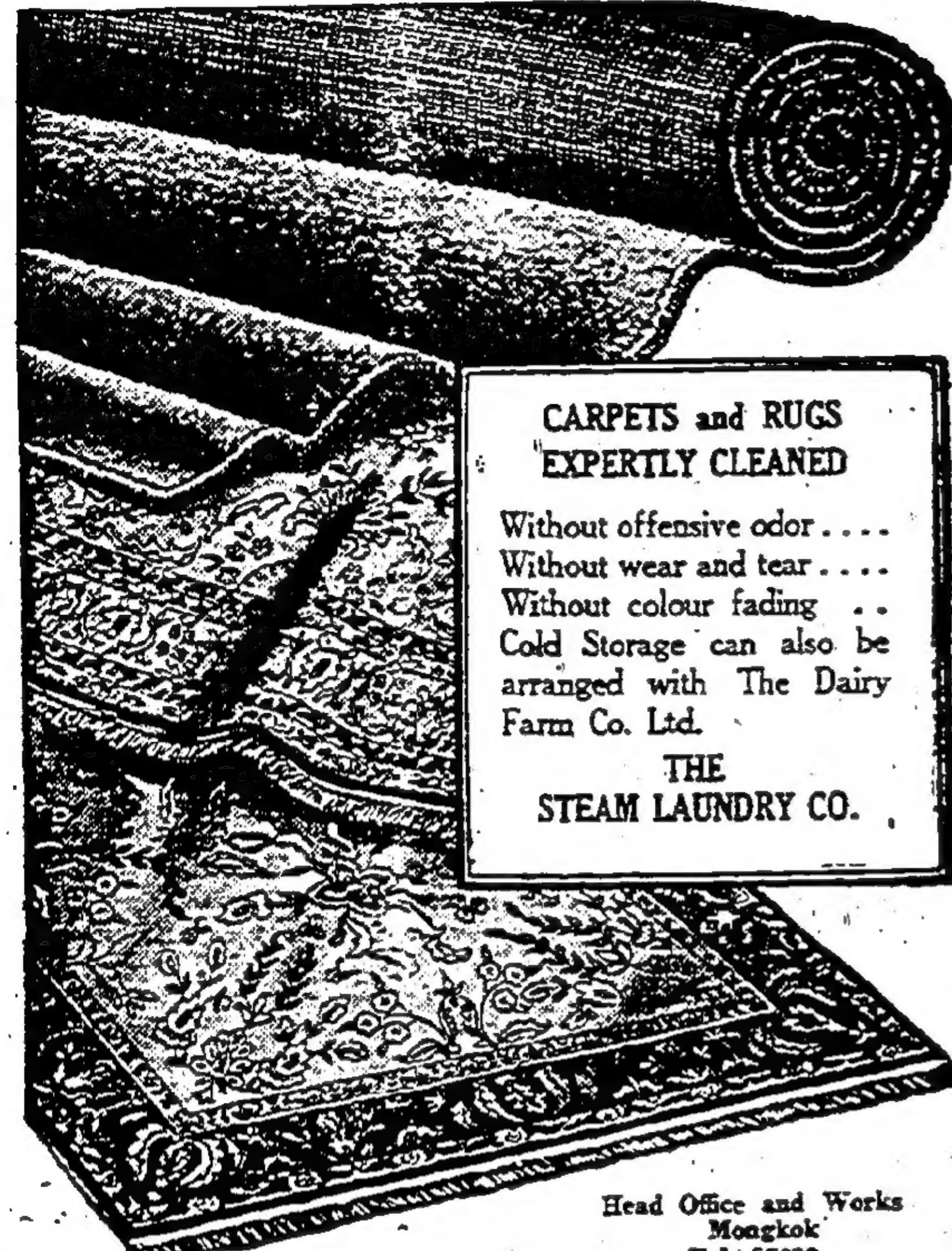
H. F. Shields; J. E. Potter (Capt.) and J. Rodger; J. L. Cotterell, W. A. Reed and R. A. Breen; S. A. Fowler; J. L. Tolley; D. Carey; L. Preach and D. L. Nooy.

CLASSICAL RECORDS

J3178—Serenade (Tuselli)	Concert Orch.
Serenade (Schubert)	
J7343—Blue Danube (2 Pts)	Sym. Orch.
J1626—Simple Aven	Yvonne Curtis (Violin).
Serenade (Tuselli)	
J1750—Spring Song	Angelus Octet.
Nocturne (Chopin)	
J5050—Hungarian Dances Nos. 5 & 6	Halle Orch.
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PONY ROUP AT VALLEY

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Tummel, which had a couple of thirds in his day, has developed into a very fast polo pony, while Devon, which has two wins to his credit, could easily be converted into a polo pony.

Nineteen Ponies

The following 19 ponies had been accepted for auction by Messrs. Hughes and Hough up to last night:

King's Bounty, bay, 14.0, 1930

Griffin, Heart's Glory, chestnut 14.1, 1934

Griffin, King's Fancy, grey M, 14.1, 1934

Griffin, Mayflower, chestnut, 14.0, 1933

Griffin, Tummel, bay, 14.0, 1934 Griffin.

Devon, grey, 14.1, 1932 Griffin.

Foxbridge, bay M, 14.0, 1935 Griffin.

Partnership, bay, 13.2, 1933 Sub.

Lion-Hunter, grey, 13.2, 1935 Sub.

Gold Jubilee, chestnut, 14.1, 1936 Griffin (late Windsor Hall).

Zenith, grey, 14.1. Unstarted Griffin.

Not So Dusty, brown, 14.0, Unstarted Griffin.

Gold Eagle, dun, 13.2, 1936 Sub.

Peter Davey, chestnut, 13.3, 1936 Sub.

Silver Lining, bay, 14.0, 1936 Sub.

Supercharge, bay, 14.0, 1936 Sub.

Merry Time, brown, 14.3, 1936 Aus-

tralian.

Trojan, chestnut, 14.2, 1936 Aus-

tralian.

Canberra Girl, bay M, 14.3, 1936 Aus-

tralian.

LATER ACCEPTANCES

Public Hero No. 1, chestnut 14, 1936

Sub.

Gold Dragon, bay 14.2, 1936 Aus-

tralian.

Silver Fox, roan 13.2, 1935 Sub.

Solar Star, grey 14.1, 1933 Griffin.

Scusey Face, black 14.2, 1934 Aus-

tralian.

What A Chance, chestnut 14.1, 1934

Griffin.

Lancashire Loom, chestnut 13.2,

1935 Sub.

Sadko, chestnut 14.1, 1927 Griffin.

Ideal Bay, black 14.2, 1936 Sub.

Southern Cross, 14.2, 1936 Aus-

tralian.

Silver Streak, bay 14.2, 1936 Aus-

tralian.

Yellow Fish, bay 13.2, 1936 Sub.

Able Warrior, bay 14.2, 1936 Aus-

tralian.

Popular Star, grey 13.3, 1935 Griffin.

Caga, dun polo pony.

Lazy Lady, bay 14, 1935 Australian.

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Bankers' Confident
Outlook

In the speeches of Mr. Colin Campbell to the shareholders of the National Provincial Bank and of Mr. Beaumont Pease at the annual meeting of Lloyds Bank last month there was evident the same confident belief in the continued internal prosperity of Great Britain as marked earlier bank meetings. Talk of saturation-point in home industry and consumption is no longer in favour. The remarkable record of the past year in increased employment, higher profits to companies, and in the readiness shown by the investor to encourage industrial expansion, forbids the assumption that the limit of home consumption has been touched. Any such theory would be a denial of hope to the distressed areas. Mr. Beaumont Pease devoted a passage in his speech to refuting the idea that rationalisation has made the banks less sympathetic to local needs. While the banks cannot on principle provide permanent capital for industry, since their first duty is the safe custody of the depositor's money, he gave an assurance that "the banks will be sympathetically anxious to play their part in any scheme falling within their scope." Mr. Colin Campbell expressed the same thought in saying that there could be no prosperity for bankers unless industry's productive power were actively employed.

With the home position so markedly better, banking is showing a revival of courage. In one passage of his speech Mr. Colin Campbell regretted the continuance of the ban upon foreign loans, in the absence of which there cannot be a full revival of foreign trade. With the rise in commodity prices, as he pointed out, some of the countries that used to be large borrowers are again becoming credit-worthy. The number, it must be allowed, is small, and after the experience of the last few years, lenders would be justified in exercising extreme caution. Mr. Beaumont Pease stated the real difficulty in observing that so long as the present restrictions on trade continue, and payment for goods surmounting these barriers is denied or delayed, there can be no great alteration in the existing amount of foreign business. Impatience with these hindrances to advance is natural enough, but is tempered by progress within the sterling group. Higher prices for many raw materials are helping the Dominions and India and increasing their purchasing power. It is to these countries that the bankers will look first in extending the financial assistance they are eager to offer.

Less anxiety has been manifested at this year's bank meetings to repel the suggestion that the work of the banks should be taken over by the State. The recent General Election made any such transfer less a question of practical politics than it has ever been. A people whose own deposits in banks, building societies and similar institutions have grown to enormous figures is not to be convinced that what is bad business for the banks can be sound business for the State, or that the present system is not capable of meeting every legitimate demand. At the end of another year the British banking system's prosperity depends not, as is sometimes alleged, upon yet more firmly established banking policy, since no financial machine creates real wealth, but on the readiness of the nations to produce and expand an unprecedented sum in change their goods.

deposits awaits profitable use. Further progress in the country's prosperity depends not, as is sometimes alleged, upon yet more firmly established banking policy, since no financial machine creates real wealth, but on the readiness of the nations to produce and expand an unprecedented sum in change their goods.

H.K. SINGERS

Pleasant Ceremony
Last Night
PRESENTATIONS MADE BY
LADY SOUTHORN

A pleasant ceremony took place last evening at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, when Lady Southorn made presentations on behalf of the Hong Kong Singers, to Mr. A. S. King and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson Miller.

Mr. Anderson Miller, the Society's conductor, in introducing Lady Southorn stated that though this was the first occasion on which the Society's President, Lady Southorn, had been present at a rehearsal, the Society would like to thank her for the lively and personal interest which she had shown in its work. "It is obvious," he said, "that the Society would not be so healthy or happy if it had not been for her guidance. I am greatly impressed by the unanimity of opinion concerning Lady Southorn, who is loved and respected by all classes and all nationalities."

Lady Southorn, in the course of a short speech, said:

"I am sorry to leave Hong Kong. It has been a delightful life here and I thank you for the many happy times I have had listening to you. I cannot think that there will be anything like the Hong Kong Singers in Gambia; but I must admit I am longing to hear the tom-toms beating on a moonlit night."

Presentations were then made as stated and the recipients thanked the donors and Lady Southorn.

FAREWELL TEA TO PROF. DIGBY

H.K. Medical Union Function

The Hong Kong University Medical Society gathered in force yesterday afternoon at a tea party given in the Union Assembly Hall to bid farewell to Professor and Mrs. K. H. Digby, who are proceeding on seven months' Home leave on Saturday. Mrs. Digby was presented with a basket of flowers.

The Chairman, Mr. L. A. Djon, said that they would miss Professor Digby during his leave. On behalf of the members he wished the Professor and his wife a very pleasant holiday and a speedy return.

Other speakers included Professor W. I. Gerrard, President of the Society, Dr. T. K. Lien, Dr. Lai Fuk, Dr. G. H. Thomas, Dr. E. L. de Souza, Dr. S. W. Phoon and Miss Cissy Wong.

Those present included Mr. K. W. Ooi, Hon. Secretary, Dr. Yang Lin and Dr. H. C. Tan.

Professor and Mrs. Digby intend to return via Canada and the Pacific.

AU REVOIR PARTY TO MR. BOXER

Morrison Hall Warden Going On Leave

In the University Union Mess yesterday afternoon members of the Hong Kong University Engineering Society said good-bye to Mr. S. V. Boxer, Warden of Morrison Hall, and Mrs. Boxer, who are going on leave on Saturday. Mr. Boxer is Vice-President of the Hong Kong University Christian Association. Among those present at the party were Professor C. A. Middleton-Smith, President of the Society, Mr. Y. K. Zea, Chairman, Professor F. A. Redmond, Mr. D. W. Morley and Mr. Y. L. Kuo, Hon. Secretary.

The Morrison Hall Club are holding a farewell tea party in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Boxer in the Union Assembly Hall at 4.30 this afternoon.

The Concert Party of the 1st Batt. Royal Ulster Rifles are presenting a good show entitled "The Revellers" at the Cheeiro Club today, commencing at 9 p.m. There is no charge for admission and all Servicemen are welcome.

deposits awaits profitable use. Further progress in the country's prosperity depends not, as is sometimes alleged, upon yet more firmly established banking policy, since no financial machine creates real wealth, but on the readiness of the nations to produce and expand an unprecedented sum in change their goods.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

SCRIPTURAL QUOTATIONS

The voice of Sir John Reith, who disliked the use of biblical quotations in broadcasts, is surely that of one crying in the wilderness.

Man shall not, we are told, live by bread alone. In future, apparently, comedians shall not exist solely on misplaced scriptural quotations.

Many people consider a clever comedian the salt of the earth. Should comedians adopt an "eye for an eye" policy and boycott the B.B.C., the programme would be rendered infinitely duller than they are now.

Still, sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. The B.B.C. ban does not come into force just yet.

If it does, a comedians' boycott would not be likely to be effective. The B.B.C. holds the purse-strings, and with comedians, as with most of us, where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

All the biblical allusions in this paragraph would come under the B.B.C. ban.

EMMA GOLDMAN IN LONDON

Emma Goldman was lecturing in London recently. She is 66, and has been agitating for 48 years without flagging. Like so many revolutionaries whose autobiographies sell well, she lives on the Riviera.

Her Russian-Jewish parents took her to the United States as a child of twelve. In 1919 she was deported to Russia along with a number of other revolutionaries, in the s.s. Berford, called at the time the Soviet Ark.

In Russia she was bitterly disillusioned and has subsequently let fly at the Bolshevik bosses in as spirited a way as, in her Chicago days, she did at Capitalist ones.

Your Daily Smile!

Ever Struck You?
Maybe the real reason we call a car "she" is the way it runs a fellow into debt.

Horror Sense
"Dad, when has a fellow horse sense?"

"When he can say 'nay,' son."

Iron Rations
Bully beef, it is stated, is never issued to the troops in round tins. This, of course, is to ensure that they get a good square meal.

The British Parliament approved the guarantee, but made its acceptance of it dependent on the approval of the United States. The

WHAT THE LOCARNO PACT MEANS

EARLY BEGINNINGS RECALLED

ADDED GUARANTEE FOR PEACE OF EUROPE

(By Sir Austen Chamberlain)

THE people of England are sometimes invited in certain quarters to repudiate the Treaty of Locarno. The invitation is addressed to them in the name of Peace: Locarno, it is said, places the direction of British policy in the hands of France and our Army and Navy at the service of French policy.

It involves us — so that argument goes — in quarrels in which Britain has no conceivable interest, and exposes us to dangers from which, but for this unhappy entanglement, we should be completely immune.

The integrity of France and of Belgium, it is urged, is of no concern of ours; we are not interested in the existence of the demilitarised zone; we will not stir a finger to save the Polish Corridor. These are not British interests, yet for each and all of these the Treaty of Locarno would oblige us to fight. Thus our new Mentor in article and speech.

Guarantee To France
Before examining these assertions, it may be well to recall briefly the circumstances which gave rise to the series of treaties negotiated at Locarno in October, 1925, and signed two months later in London, after being submitted to and approved by the Parliaments of all the countries concerned in them.

When the representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers met in Paris at the conclusion of the war to draw up the terms of peace, France, which had been twice invaded within the lifetime of them all, one-third of whose manhood had been decimated and devastated by the enemy, and whose manhood had been decimated in the struggle, demanded the left bank of the Rhine as security for the future.

The representatives of Britain and America, determined not to create a new "Alsace-Lorraine," rejected this demand, but after prolonged negotiation offered France a treaty of guarantee as the price of the relinquishing it. The British Parliament approved the guarantee, but made its acceptance of it dependent on the approval of the United States. The

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

FIRE AT FILM STUDIO

HUGE BLAZE AT DENHAM

BUT NO ONE INJURED

London, To-day.

More than 25 engines from surrounding stations answered the district call yesterday afternoon to a fire at the film studios under construction for London Film Productions Limited at Denham, Buckinghamshire.

The flames shot through the roof to a height of 100 feet and dense volumes of smoke hung over the neighbouring countryside.

No films are in production at the studios, and consequently no one was injured. The damage is not yet known. — British Wireless Service.

STATEMENT OF CASE TO-MORROW

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M. Litvinoff asked whether the League would condone the promotion of the German objective of establishing a hegemony over the whole European continent. No country in the world desired to attack Germany. The people who interpreted the German offer of a non-aggression pact as love of peace "forgot that the Locarno Treaty, which Germany had torn up, represented just such a pact.

HITLER'S "CAMPAIGN"

Every country concluding a non-aggression pact with Germany would be immobilised in the event of Germany attacking a third State. Only when it was convincingly proved that their doubts and fears were groundless would they consider Herr Hitler's return to the League as a contribution to the cause of peace.

"Herr Hitler's proposals amount to a campaign against the peoples of the States I represent. I am ready to participate in the measures proposed by the Locarno Powers and those which are acceptable to the other members of the Council."

Dr. von Hoesch did not attend the meeting, pending instructions from Berlin. — Reuter.

MR. EDEN'S PROPOSALS

An earlier message states that no reply had been received from Germany when the meeting of the Locarno Powers adjourned at 12.30 p.m. It is understood that Mr. Anthony Eden handed the delegates written proposals relating to the application of the provisions of Locarno in the present circumstances. The French delegates, including M. Flandin, met immediately to consider the proposals. The Powers decided to meet again at 10 p.m. when the discussions were expected to be protracted.

Mr. Eden, Lord Halifax (Lord Privy Seal), Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Lord President of the Council) and Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Chancellor of the Exchequer) attended the morning meeting. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

AUDIENCE OF KING

London: The King received in audience yesterday the Foreign statesmen attending the diplomatic and League meetings in London, including the French Foreign Minister, M. Flandin, the Belgian Premier, M. Van Zeeland, and the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck. His Majesty also received the Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Sir Robert Vansittart. — British Wireless Service.

DEFEATED ARMY DISBANDS

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NO INFORMATION

Rome: Official war bulletin No. 157 merely states that no changes have taken place on either front. — Trans-Ocean Service.

LONDON CONVERSATIONS

London: Conversations took place at St. James's Palace yesterday between the League Secretary-General and the members of the League Council regarding the meeting of the Committee of Thirteen in connection with the Italo-Abyssinian war. No definite arrangements have been less.

Three liners were delayed by fog off Wagan Island this morning. They were the Empress of Asia, from Manila, the President Coolidge, and the Sirdhana, all of which were carrying mails.

The R.M.S. Empress of Britain, on her round-the-world cruise, is due here from Manila on Friday morning. She will leave here for Shanghai on Wednesday next at 6 a.m. and will also visit Chinawang, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Balboa, Cristobal and Havana.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, M.C., M.B.B.S. (Lond.), D.T.M. & H. (Eng.), J.P., will give the next lecture in First Aid at St. John Ambulance Headquarters on Friday next at 5.30 p.m.

The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will take place at the Open Naval Recreation Ground, Causeway Bay, tomorrow at 5 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, will officiate.

The a.s. Corfu is due here from Singapore at 8 p.m. next Thursday.

A dinner dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel to-day, at 8.30 p.m.

The fortnightly whist drive of the Craignowen Cricket Club will be held on Saturday at 9 p.m.

The R. A. Sergeants' Mess fortnightly whist drive and tombola will be held in the premises of the above mess on Friday next at 8.45 p.m.

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association, Professor L. Forster continued his course of lectures at the Tang Chi Ngong School of Chinese Studies yesterday afternoon, taking as his subject: "The Renaissance in Europe and the Renaissance in China. A Comparison of their Significance in Educational Policy."

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday afternoon of Mr. Colin Kai-leung Lee, civil engineer, of 111, Leighton Hill Road, and Miss Sylvia Peter Chong, of 33, Tai Po Road, Shamshui-poo.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Lee Chin-pang, merchant, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Peter Chong. Mr. M. J. Abbott, Deputy Registrar, officiated and the witnesses to the ceremony were Mr. David W. K. Au and Mr. A. L. Cunningham.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Edward Vincent Morris, police officer, and Miss Gertrude Julian, of 53, Wyndham Street; Mr. Edward Palmer, Shipmaster, s.s. Silvercypress, and Miss Anita Garibaldi Fischer, stenographer, of 34, Romers Salas, Manila, and now residing at Peninsula Hotel; Mr. Helmut Lanz, merchant, of 9 Corbett Road, Chefoo, and Miss Else Cathrine Otter, of Tsinanfu; Mr. Carlos Antonio Noronha, of 18, Hillwood Road, and Miss Gina Maria Ribeiro, residing at 14, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.

Two cases of diphtheria only were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended last Monday.

One case of small-pox, six cases of diphtheria (one imported), with three deaths, one of scarlet fever, 11 of typhoid fever (one imported), with two deaths, one of chicken-pox and five of cerebro-spinal fever, with one death, were reported as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday last.

A Coroner's inquiry into the death of eight persons, who were killed in the disastrous collapse of houses at Woosung Street, Yaumati, on February 19, was opened by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. After evidence had been heard, the proceedings were adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on Thursday. The jury comprised Messrs. O. B. Payne (Foreman), A. Krikovits and Ip Fuk-ling.

made, and there will probably be further discussions before the meeting is fixed. — British Wireless Service.

PRETTY SOCIETY WEDDING

Prophet-Knill

LADY HOCKEY INTERPORTER MARRIED

A very pretty wedding was so-remised at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, this afternoon when Miss Helen Mary Knill, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cutcliffe Knill of Exeter, Devon, became the bride of Mr. David Lamb Prophet, of Messrs. Linstead & Davis, the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Prophet of Wormit, Fifeshire.

The Rev. Mackenzie Dow officiated.

The Bridal Gown

Given away in marriage by the Rev. G. E. S. Upsell, the bride made a very pretty picture in her white Alrene, exquisitely moulded to the figure and extending into a long dove-tail train trimmed with tiny rings of white heather and orange blossoms. She wore her mother's bridal veil of Brussels net which was held in position with a wreath of orange-blossom buds. The gown was made by Eunice.

The bridesmaids, the Misses Maureen and Kathleen Moir, wore pastel-shaded period frocks in taffeta, also by Eunice, and silver lame coats and caps decorated with hand-made velvet violets in pastel shades. Muffs were carried, trimmed with the same flowers.

Mrs. C. B. Brown, who was the Matron of Honour, wore a dress of heavy jade green crepe with brown picture hat, while Mrs. Upadell wore a "Eunice" gown of marina-pink angel-skin satin and brown mink coat. A hat to harmonise and a corsage of African daisies in toning shades completed a most charming ensemble.

Masters Adrian Robertson and John Mackie, the train-bearers, wore kilts, while the duties of Best Man were discharged by Dr. H. C. Watson. The groomsmen were Messrs. D. Black, J. Forbes, G. Milne and T. P. Saunderson.

Reception At H. K. Hotel

After the Church ceremony a

reception, given by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown, was held in the Hong Kong Hotel, when many friends gathered to offer their felicitations.

Mrs. Prophet left for her honeymoon, which is being spent in Fanling, in a rose ensemble of limeleather with brown and white trimming, and hat and shoes to match.

The bride's gift to the groom was a Rolex Oyster watch, while the groom presented the bride with a silver toilet set.

Miss Knill, who has been closely associated with ladies' hockey in the Colony, represented Hong Kong against Shanghai in the first Ladies' Interpol, while Mr. Prophet is a familiar figure at the Jockey Club.

ROTARY MEETING

"Great Walls Of China"

PROF. MIDDLETON SMITH'S INTERESTING TALK

At the Rotary Club meeting yesterday Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, the speaker of the day, took as his subject "An Englishman Looks at the Great Walls of China" and made a telling comparison between the material Great Wall and the barriers of classical learning and tariff restrictions.

Professor L. Forster, President of the Club, who was in the chair, extended a welcome to the guests:

Messrs. J. Lurquin, French Consul; M. C. Renier, Vice-Consul; T. T. Poon, Canton; H. Hutchens, Singapore; J. E. E. Marley, Iowa; A. R. H. Phillips, de Champeaux; G. H. H. Lee, Kwok Chan and G. van Wyk, of Hong Kong.

In presenting the speaker, Professor Forster read a letter received from the Hon. Sir Thomas Southorn in which he thanked the Rotary Club for their message of congratulation on his appointment to the Governorship of British Gambia. The Colonial Secretary said he looked back on his association with the Club with much pleasure, and wished it every happiness and success in the future.

To-day's Short Story

The Magic Stick

THE Great Padishah Sikandar Sur, Possessor of the Golden Sword and Holder of the Silken Umbrella, sat pensively on a soft cushion, his eyes fixed on the ceiling in a vacant gaze. On both his sides stood smartly dressed lads moving ostrich feather fans in large semicircles. The Sardars and Mankaris, clad in their picturesque costumes, squatted on the floor facing the Padishah, their hands clasped in front of their chests as a mark of veneration for their ruler.

"Our efforts do not seem to bear fruit. O great Ruler," pleaded the Sardar, "but do not call us traitors for being unsuccessful."

The Padishah spread his legs wide apart, bent his cumbersome body forward, and, placing his elbows on his knees, began snorting angrily.

"Not call you traitors," he said, now turning his eyes towards all the Sardars, "when my beloved necklace is missing? The very gift of my ancestors, a talisman that has kept us for generations on the throne! Hey!" he shouted, summoning the gendarmes who paced the floor menacingly at the rear of the Court Chamber. "Take this jester away. Lock him up in a dark dungeon. Many a fool begins to see clearly in the dark."

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Dance Of Yasha," by Grace Keon.

Shaken by this unexpected wrath on the part of their ruler, the courtiers' countenances turned pale. It might not be long, they thought, before every one of them would meet with the same fate for having failed to restore the traditional necklace.

Simultaneously they fell prostrate to the floor, pleading.

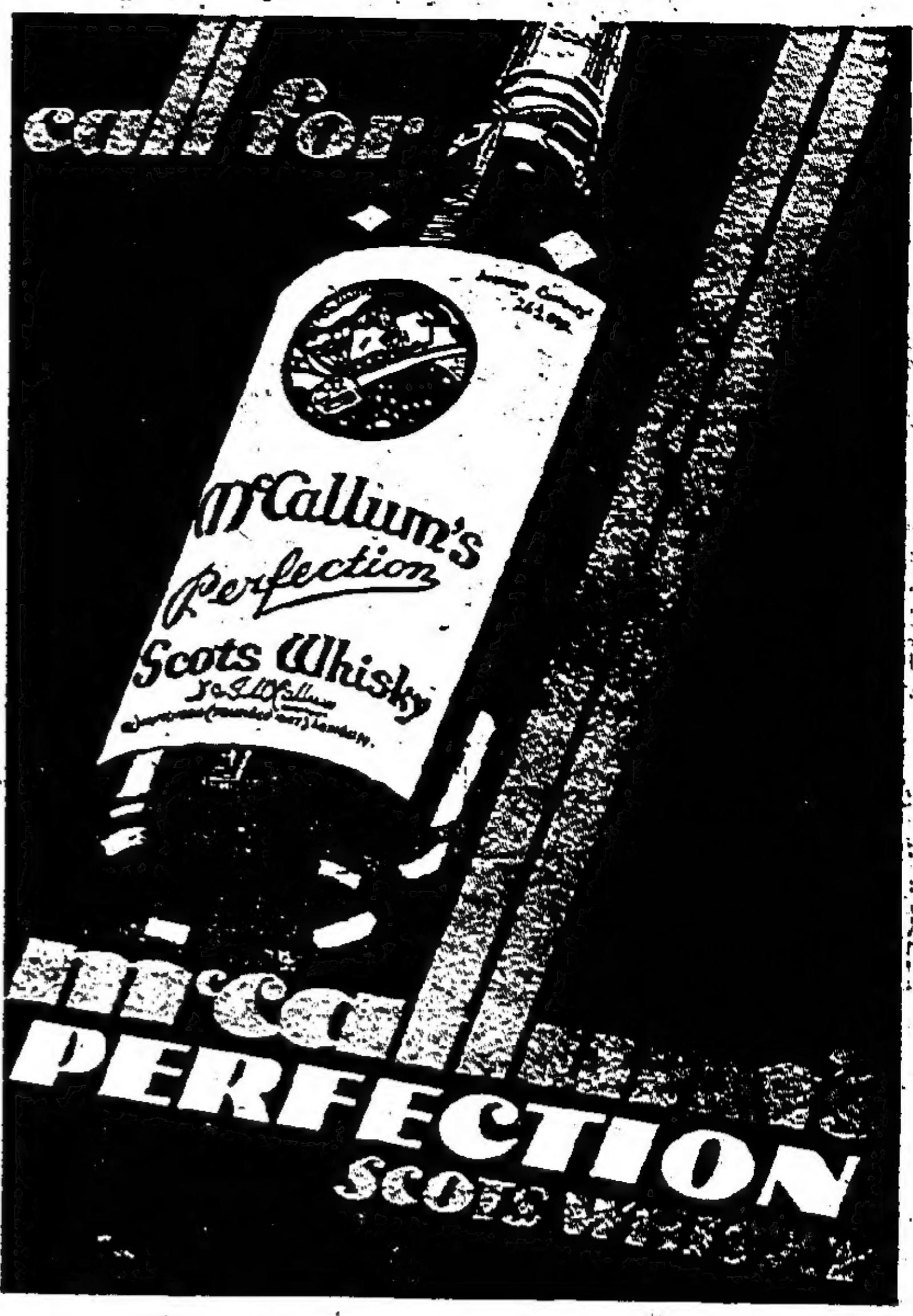
"O Mighty Emperor, we implore you not to put our colleague in the dungeon, for it is hardly likely that he could have relaxed in the performance of his duties. We interrogated every servant in the palace threatened them with hanging, even put them in manacles in mass, but they protest their innocence. All that lay within our power has been done. But if it is the wish of Allah that we should be unsuccessful, who are we, the sinning mortals, to contradict it?"

The Sardar, rendered thoroughly out of wits by this sudden interrogation, fell prostrate on the carpet, his hands stretched out in front of him.

"We tried everything," he said nervously, "but Allah's wish seems to be different."

"Which means," snapped in the Padishah, "that you have failed in

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MACAO SITUATION CAUSES ANXIETY

The Lower Court proceedings which culminated in Li So, alias Li Tat-shang being convicted and sentenced on charges of possession of heroin pills, possession of heroin, and possession of poison, had its sequel in the Full Court of Appeal yesterday when Mr. Leo D'Almada jnr., instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby, appearing on behalf of the appellant, made an appeal before Mr. Justice Lindsell and Mr. Justice Hayden against the Magistrate's findings.

In support of his appeal Mr. D'Almada said that on November 19, last, the appellant and three others were arrested at No. 15, Caroline Hill Road. The appellant was found in the outer room of that address and at least one of the others was in the back cubicle, in which was found "a heroin pill factory in full blast" as well as 35,000 heroin pills, a quantity of heroin and other drugs. At the Police Court proceedings which followed, the men were charged with possession of the heroin pills, possession of heroin, and possession of poison.

Accused's Statements

Reverting to the events on the night in question, Mr. D'Almada said that Revenue Officer Grimmitt went to the address at about 10 o'clock, where he found the appellant. Certain questions were put to the appellant by Mr. Grimmitt after he had placed him under arrest and, as a result, certain statements were made. In regard to the heroin pills, the appellant said: "The heroin pills did not belong to me," and so far as the dangerous drugs were concerned, the man said: "I did not know that matter; I went up to look for a woman."

Continuing, Mr. D'Almada said that the grounds for the appeal were:

1. Wrongful admission of evidence by the Magistrate;

2. The Crown did not prove its case, that is to say the verdict was not supported by the evidence;

3. The Magistrate misdirected himself; and

4. The Magistrate assumed jurisdiction beyond that granted.

Fourth Point First

Counsel then asked permission to take the fourth point first, remarking that this was concerned with the sentence passed upon the conviction of the appellant. This was allowed, but after a lengthy discussion, Mr. Justice Lindsell said that it would be better that this particular point be left over in order to ascertain from the Superintendent of Prisons information as to how he would construe the sentences passed on the appellant.

Dealing with the first point, Mr. D'Almada submitted that the Magistrate wrongly admitted certain evidence and Counsel went on to say that the evidence to which he took exception at the moment, was the statement made by the defendants after their arrest at Caroline Hill Road. Mr. D'Almada added that one of the points was whether or not the statements were elicited in such a way as could be approved by the Court.

In support of the second point, Counsel said that apart from the statements the only evidence against the appellant was that he was present in the flat, and he submitted that this was not sufficient to warrant conviction.

The hearing is proceeding.

CANCELLATION OF ARTILLERY GUN PRACTICE

Coast Defence Artillery Practice with live ammunition, due to take place from Mount Davis Battery on March 24 (March 25 — spare day), has been postponed until a date to be notified later.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LTD.

The local office of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, has received a telegram from the Head Office in London, advising that at the annual general meeting of shareholders a final dividend of 6 per cent on the "A," "B" and "C" shares will be recommended (making

MACAO SITUATION CAUSES ANXIETY

PROFIT FOR THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

IN EXCHANGE BUILDING THIS MORNING

THE CHAIRMAN WAS SUPPORTED BY SIR ROBERT HO TUNG, MR. A. L. SHIELDS, MR. T. E. PEARCE, MR. W. SCOTT HARSTON AND MR. LI TSE-FONG (DIRECTORS) AND MR. T. C. T. BECK (SECRETARY).

The volume of the company's business in Macao had not shown an increase during the year under review and conditions in the Portuguese colony showed very little or no improvement. "Your Board feel that there is little hope of amelioration of the existing state of affairs and of our business in Macao regaining even a modicum of its former prosperity; in the circumstances, it may be necessary to consider permanent cessation of our activities in that port and the ultimate disposal of our plant," declared the Chairman when dealing with this question.

The following shareholders were present: Messrs. H. J. M. de Figueiredo, M. A. da Figueiredo, Fung Kwok-wa, C. A. L. Rickett, N. V. A. Croucher, E. M. Raymond, A. C. Botelho, H. A. Edgar, F. E. Silva, Soo Pui-chen and Moi Ying-kie.

The Chairman, in his review productive output of the New of the year, said:—

"You will note, on examining such calls as may be sanguinely anticipated. In the circumstances, it was decided to call for ten

amounted to \$46,306.37, and, after

providing for Directors' and Au-

itors' Fees, the final payment of

compensation to Messrs. Shewan

Tomes and Co. Bank Interest,

Exchange differences, and deduct-

ing the amount brought forward

at the debit of Profit and Loss

Account for the year 1934, the

profit for the period under review

amounts to \$22,552.27, which your

Directors recommend be carried

forward to next year's account.

"In dealing with the figures for

1935, it is necessary for me to

draw attention to the fact that no

provision has been made for de-

preciation in the Accounts as pre-

sented; in this relation, share-

holders will doubtless recollect

that, when the Schemes of Reor-

ganisation was undertaken by

your Board, all plant and floating

craft were written down to their

estimated residual values at that

time, disregarding the normal

mechanical life of these Assets

but giving full consideration to

the necessity of reducing operat-

ing expenses to a prime cost basis.

With this object in view, the de-

clining Assets of the Company

were written down to what

was estimated to be their break-

up values; therefore, the values

at which these Assets now stand

in the Balance Sheet, read in con-

nection with the Reserves ap-

pearing on the contra side, in the

opinion of your Board, preclude

the necessity for further depre-

cation for some years to come.

Improved Cash Position

"Turning again to the Balance Sheet; I would make special reference to the very considerable improvement in the cash position of the Company, in which connection it will be observed that, whereas at the end of the year 1934, the overdraft with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

poration was in the region of four lakhs, this indebtedness has not only been liquidated during the year, but we have been enabled to accumulate a credit balance of \$37,995.16 by the close of that financial period.

"You will also note an increase in the Company's General Re-

serve, which now stands at the

substantial figure of \$937,498.68,

the increase therein being mainly

accounted for by the recovery of

certain bad debts previously writ-

ten off and amounting to \$25,350.

44, together with profits accruing

over and above written down

values on disposal of the Old

Plant and Machinery at Hok Un,

\$50,000, the Deep Water Bay Prop-

erty, \$9,546.65, and the Steam

Lighter "Ilha Verde," \$6,942.43.

Sale Of Old Plant

"The main item contributing to the Colony of Macao itself are not sufficient to keep our factory in constant operation, and for these reasons it was necessary to curtail production very consider-

ably in July last, on account of

accumulated stocks. Your board,

therefore, feel that there is little

hope of amelioration of the exist-

ing state of affairs and of our busi-

ness in Macao regaining even a

modicum of its former prosper-

ity; in the circumstances, it may

be necessary to consider the per-

manent cessation of our activi-

ties in that port and the ultimate

disposal of our plant. In this re-

lation, shareholders may re-

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Irish Guards Parade In London

London, To-day. In connection with St. Patrick's Day yesterday the Irish Guards held a military parade at Chelsea barracks, at which all the officers were presented with shamrocks. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

call that the major portion of this plant was laid down in 1925, and can still, therefore, be regarded as a useful and economical unit for the production of Cement; in the event of your Board effecting a decision to abandon operations in Macao, it is reasonably anticipated that no great difficulty will be experienced in realising or the plant. In the meantime, expenditure at these Works has been reduced to a minimum, and steps are being taken—in the first instance—to sell all obsolete machinery and stores.

Japanese Competition

"Your Company again experienced intense competition from the sale of Japanese Cement in the Hong Kong market throughout the year under review, figures available displaying the fact that, while 97,468 tons of Cement were imported into the Colony during the year 1935, 79,126 tons came from Japan. In this connection, it is interesting, however, to note that the price of Japanese Cement has been increased of late, presumably to the present relative values of the Hong Kong dollar and the yen.

"We continue to supply a portion of the requirements of the Hong Kong Government, and we trust that, with the reduction of our prices, we may, in future, be accorded more support to our industry, particularly having regard to the fact that your Works employ some 1,500 hands and afford a means of livelihood to the per capita dependents, apart from being one of the largest power consumers on the mainland; under which circumstances, as has so often been stressed from this Chair, your Company materially contributes to the revenue of the Colony.

"I am pleased to be able to state that our export trade, principally to Malaya, has been well maintained during the past year, and the present exchange level should enable us to improve our position in those markets.

"In September last, it became evident that, if your Company was to continue its operations and enter into further contracts, it would be necessary to make some provision for additional supplies of our principal raw material, namely, Limestone. Furthermore, your Directors have in mind certain important schemes under consideration, in connection with which your Company may be asked to give a guarantee as to the continuity of Cement supplies. Your Board felt, therefore, that it was inadvisable that our stocks of Limestone should be permitted to fall below one year's supply, and, in view of the satisfactory state of the Company's cash position, negotiations were entered into for a fresh contract, and I am pleased to say that arrangements have now been made for the supply of 100,000 tons of Stone at a price which, due to rates of exchange obtaining at that time, bears favourable comparison with previous contracts entered into for supplies of raw material. The action of your Board in this matter thus assures continuity of operation for some two years ahead.

Economy Measure

"In view of the somewhat difficult times through which your Company is passing, and in accordance with the strict policy of reducing expenditure as far as possible, your Board unanimously agreed that the remuneration of each Director should be reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000 per annum, as from the beginning of the year 1935, and until such time as the Company's business justifies a revision to the former rate.

"Before closing, I have to refer again to the matter of unconverted shares, of which 57,047 still remain to be issued in, I would once more repeat the request made at the last annual meeting that shareholders in possession of this scrip will assist us by sending it in for conversion.

There being no further matters calling for comment, I now have pleasure in formally proposing the adoption of the Report and Ac-

counts for the financial year ended

LOCAL SCHOOLS' RECORD

Good Work Done By Mui Fong College

SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS GIFT

Some time ago the Board of Trustees for the Administration of the Indemnity Funds remitted by the British Government decided to make a gift of science apparatus to some of the biggest schools, both in China and overseas. It is learned that very recently a set of this apparatus for Chemistry and Physics was granted to the Mui Fong College in Hong Kong.

The Mui Fong College, established 19 years ago, is indeed worthy of favourable attention. Last month the girls again won the Championship of the Open Basketball League for the fourth year in succession. This month, their Girl Guides—the Sixth Hong Kong Company—have handed in the best Chinese essays in the competition for the S.P.C.A. Cup. This is the second time this Company has won this trophy.

In a circular recently issued by the Girl Guide Headquarters the following lines are found:—"The 6th Hong Kong should be congratulated on the best essays of the whole. The handwriting is good and neat and the essays very systematic and written in very good style."

C.R.C. MEETING

Financial Position Strong

TO START CRICKET AND LAWN BOWLS

The Annual General meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club was held at the Club premises last Saturday. Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, president of the Club, was in the chair.

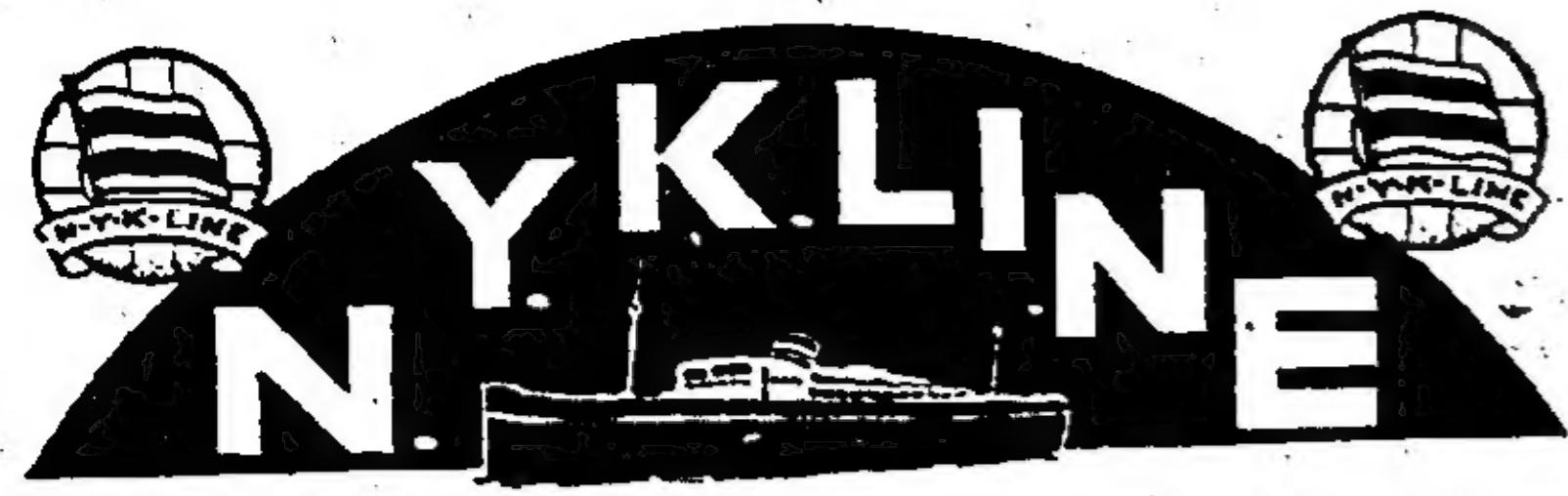
Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong remarked that the Club, financially, was very strong. Its fixed deposit at the Bank showed an increase of nearly \$1,500, as compared with last year. Mr. Ng Sze-kwong's motion that the Club should start cricket and lawn bowls next year was carried unanimously.

LOCAL ESTATE

Former Resident Leaves \$87,400

Local estate, valued at \$87,400, was left by the late Mr. Alfred Parker Stokes who died on June 7, 1935, in France. Application for the re-sealing of probate, by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, has been granted.

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Cases Dealt With In February

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One of the features of the cases dealt with by the Society for the Protection of Children during February was the low average monthly income per head of the families assisted, this being \$1.49. In all, 128 fresh cases were handled during the month, and at the end of February there were 774 cases under supervision.

These facts were reported at the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society, held on Monday, over which Dr. R. H. Kotewall presided. Of the new cases, 91 were in respect of poverty alone and 34 in respect of poverty and disease. In 92 of the cases, milk or other food was provided and in 20 cases medical treatment was obtained.

Finance

The financial statement for February showed that the net income after deducting expenditure was \$736.69. Receipts included a sum of \$2,500 transferred from the Women's Auxiliary, this being the result of Lady Southorn's Hungry Baby Fund appeal, appreciation of which was expressed by the meeting.

It was reported that the concert given in aid of the Society at the Peninsula Hotel by the Hong Kong Choral Union and other artists yielded a net profit of \$296. The Committee expressed thanks to the organisers, the artists and the Hotel Company for free use of the Rose Room.

Mr. J. Middleton Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Boys' Club, was co-opted a member of the Society's Executive Committee.

The Committee considered at length the question of assisting the China Youth Society to secure a site for the purpose of extending its work, and also the possibility of sending boys to the institution.

It was reported that the Society operates a small industrial school for homeless boys, who are paid for their work, which consists of the making of brooms, floor mops, soap and bamboo blinds and printing, and that there are at present 70 boys so engaged. These are also given lessons in Chinese. The matter was adjourned to a later meeting for the purpose of clearing up certain points on which information was desired.

Pending Departures

The resignation from the Committee of the Hon. Sir William Shenton, on his pending departure from the Colony, was accepted with regret, the Chairman paying a tribute to his services as a former Chairman of the Committee and a valued member.

Appreciation was also expressed of the services rendered by Lady Shenton as Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary.

In view of the possible departure from the Colony of Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, the Chairman referred to his invaluable services to the Society, of which he was the founder, saying that the history of the Society was really the history of the work of Mr. Hazlerigg, who had been a real inspiration in all that he had done. A sub-committee

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The Magic Stick

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The Padishah calmed down slightly, and, assured of the honesty of the first Sardar by the whole Court, told the gendarmes to release the prisoner.

"I heard you say," Sikandar Sur remarked, "that you threatened the servants with punishment."

"Yes, O great Emperor."

"And they would not yield?"

"Not one."

"Did you say that the thief would be forgiven if he confessed at once?"

"We did, Our Lord."

"Did you say that the man who provides the clue would be handsomely rewarded?"

"The inducement failed."

"Am I to understand," he said, "that there is not one man in my kingdom who has the brains to run to earth the thief, and restore to me my necklace?" His eyes moved passionately across the hall.

From behind the third row a young man with a straggly moustache rose up. Bending intermittently as he walked across the floor, it was bad Court manners to rise thus, he took his stand in front of the Padishah.

"As sure as the clouds must pass and the sun be back in the sky, so must the necklace return into the palace to where it belongs," he said, adding, "and will the great Emperor give me a chance to find it?"

Sikandar Sur was amused by the daring of the man.

"Where others older than yourself have failed, you think you can succeed?" he asked in a scornful voice.

"Others older than myself have failed," he said humbly. "So I desire to be given permission to find it."

Sikandar Sur, half laughing at the tragi-comedy, allowed the man his wish.

"But say," the Padishah stopped the youth who was about to resume his seat. "By what name shall I address you?"

"My name is Wazir Akbar," he replied, "a third-class Sardar of the great Emperor's Court."

The two hundred and fifty servants of the palace of the Padishah stood in rows in the large hall. In front of them walked Wazir Akbar, carefully scrutinising the faces that confronted him. As his eyes leapt from one man to another he seemed mentally to calculate in whose possession the precious ornament lay.

"You have heard," he addressed them in a sombre voice, "that the great Padishah has lost his necklace. Can anyone tell me where it is?"

There were whispers of disaffection and resentful looks.

"We know nothing of it," they replied in unison.

"To anyone who provides information the Padishah will present a large sum of money."

But this bait had already failed, one of the servants answering: "Who does not like to have that reward? But we know we should never get it."

Wazir Akbar folded his hands and began addressing them.

He was appointed to decide the appropriate method of marking Mr. Hazlerigg's work for the Society.

Approval was given by the Committee to the renting of a small office in the Bank of East Asia building for the purpose of centralising the administrative work of the Society.

"Since none of you is prepared to disclose the whereabouts of the necklace, I have had to summon divine help. I had a dream last night wherein I was given private advice. I was told that none of you would yield to our indications. You would have to submit to the divine power."

Then, turning towards the door, Wazir Akbar shouted for his servant to enter. He came in, loaded with bundles of long sticks, weird in appearance, with notches all over them, like the poles used by sorcerers.

Wazir Akbar distributed slips of paper among the servants and asked them to inscribe their names on them. Then, calling each servant in turn, he asked him to pick up a stick and, after pasting his name label at the lower end, to resume his place.

When all the 250 servants had had a stick each, Wazir took the last remaining one and began haranguing.

"I have had to have recourse to this method because none confess. The traitor who is making his colleagues suffer for his guilt may do so for some time, but not permanently. These are things of great efficacy, prepared by a Himalayan Yogi. Mark may fail, but not these sticks."

And then, holding his own stick in the air, he said, "All of them are of exactly the same length."

He measured his stick with those of the servants, and it was found that this was so.

"Now," he recommended, "what I want you to do is to keep your sticks with you till the morning, preferably keep them under your pillows at night. You will be, each one of you, locked in separate rooms, and also I, so that we have no chance to change them. In the morning we shall all meet in this very hall again. And bearken, this is important; the thief will be surprised to find that his stick has increased in length by two inches."

Morning came and Sikandar Sur, accompanied by his retinue, stood secretly behind the palace hall curtains. Before the sun had painted the heavens in iridescent colours Wazir Akbar and the 250 servants were brought into the hall.

Wazir Akbar walked round their rows and measured his stick with those of the servants. When the inspection had finished he stood facing them, and said, "I told you yesterday that it was better for the thief to confess. He left it for the stick to tell me the story."

The men looked at each other in utter bewilderment. They did not know who the culprit was. Sikandar Sur, surprised by this strange declaration, ran towards Wazir Akbar, saying "That is impossible! How could that be?"

Wazir Akbar bowed to the Padishah, and, while lying prostrate on the floor, said, "O great Ruler, mouths tell lies but not the hands."

Walking round the rows of servants, he placed his finger on the shoulder of a short, squat man. He pulled him before the Padishah, and said, "This man is the robber. It is a miracle that his stick should have become two inches shorter than on the previous night!"

The great Padishah Sikandar Sur, Holder of the Golden Sword and Possessor of the Silken Umbrella, joyously declared, "I have found at last a man with bangles in my kingdom. Wazir Akbar, henceforth you shall be my Minister for Justice."

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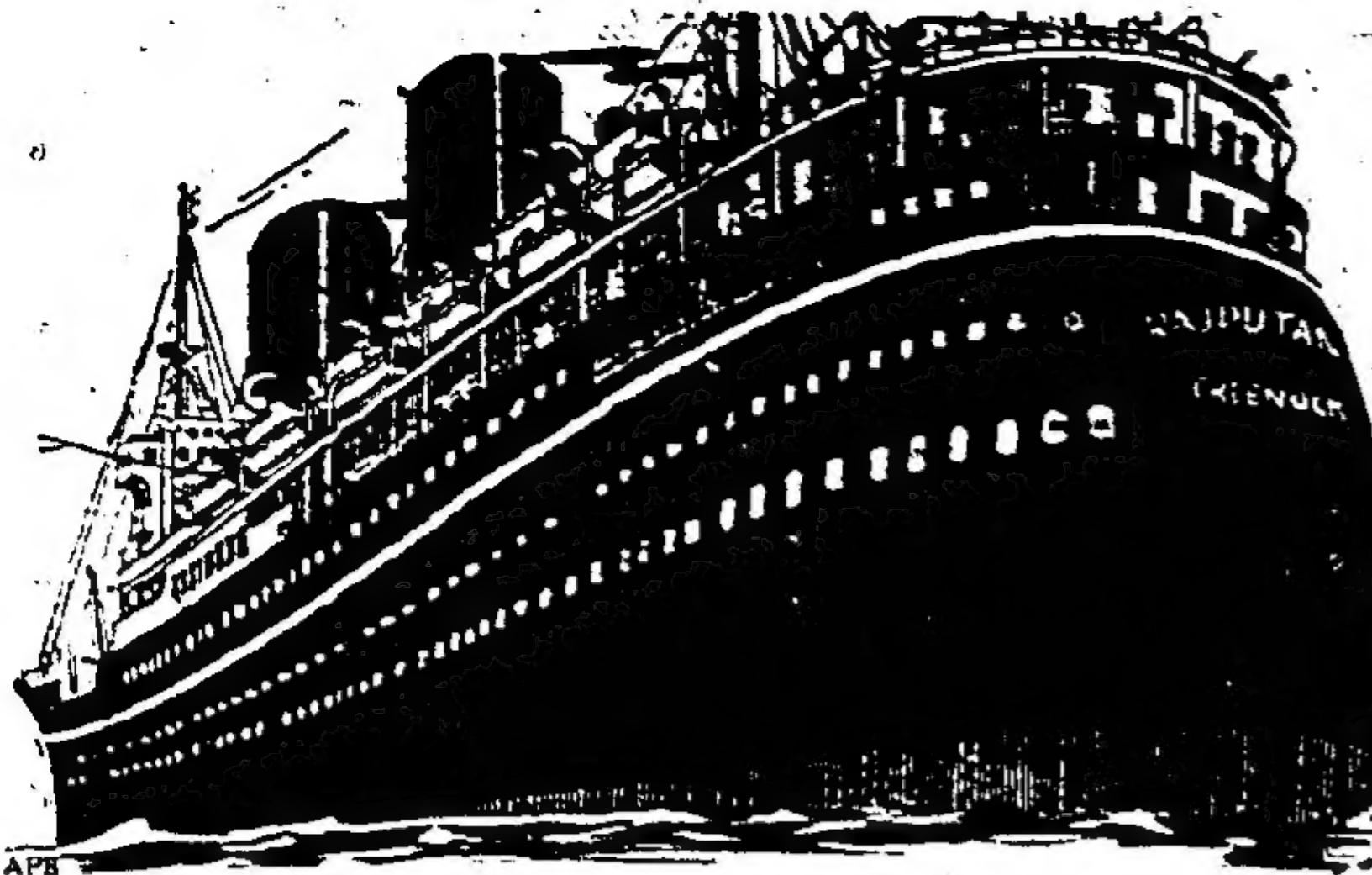
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4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6.6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme.

7.25 p.m.—Selections from Operas by Creators' Band.

Aida—Introduction and Moorish Ballet (Verdi).

Aida—Grand March and Finale (Verdi).

La Traviata—Drinking Song and Gypsy Chorus (Verdi).

La Traviata—Prelude Act 3 (Verdi).

Selections from Mefistofele (Boito).

Mefistofele—Prologue (Boito).

7.25-7.35 p.m.—Four Songs by Danny Malone (Tenor).

1. Mother Macree (Ocott).

2. Believe me if altho' endearing young charms. (Moore).

3. Love's Roses (Brooks).

4. Sweetheart Darlin' (Stoother).

7.38-8 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.

March of the Toys (Herbert).

Par Americans (Herbert).

Waldegrave Waltz Potpourri (arr. Silbermann).

Where my caravan has rested (Lohr).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.15 p.m.—The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Aida—Cantabile (arr. Willoughby).

Collette, Valse (Frazer-Simson).

Memories of Devon (Evans).

8.15-8.30 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Talk on "Art in Everyday Life" by Evelyn Fullerton.

8.30-8.43 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano (by request).

8.43-9 p.m.—"Jubilee Dance Memories" by the New Mayfair Orchestra.

9.30-9.45 p.m.—A Recital by Gitta Alpar (Soprano).

1. Lakme (Delibes).

2. The Dubarry (Millock).

3. I give my heart (Millock).

9.45-10 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Violin Recital by Victor Derevsky accompanied by F. Gonzalez.

Programme.

1. Romance Svendsen.

2. Spanish Dance Sarasate.

3. Fibel Kreisler.

10 p.m.—Big Ben:

10.10-10.25 p.m.—Excerpts from "To-night at 8.30."

10.25-11 p.m.—Dance Music played by Jack Hyton and his Band.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

WHAT THE LOCARNO PACT MEANS

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guarantee, but in the then prevailing relations of France and England the idea was stillborn. Next year the Assembly of the League of Nations elaborated a Treaty of Mutual Assistance in the framing of which Lord Cecil took a great part.

Lord Cecil, I think, at that moment represented the Government of the Union of South Africa presided over by General Smuts, but at Geneva he was generally regarded as expressing the mind of Great Britain.

Nevertheless, that Treaty was rejected by the Labour Government, which had succeeded Mr. Baldwin's, on the double ground that it would not, in fact, produce security, and that its acceptance would impose intolerable burdens on this country. The Dominion Governments equally rejected it.

in view of this rejection, the Assembly of 1924 set to work to devise a new scheme which might give the sense of security that was the necessary preliminary to any measure of disarmament by States which felt themselves threatened.

"Gaps" To Be Filled

This time the "gaps" in the Covenant were to be filled up, the aggressor was to be defined, every possible contingency was to be foreseen and provided for in advance and the obligations of the signatories were to be exactly stated. When the emergency arose, a majority of the Council would determine for every country what action it was its duty to take.

"There are no reasons why:

The rest would follow automatically.

These proposals were embodied in a Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, usually referred to as the Protocol of Geneva. It was approved by the Assembly, at which the United Kingdom was represented by Mr. Henderson and Lord Palmerston, but before it could be considered by the Labour Government that Government was defeated and replaced by Mr. Baldwin's second Administration.

It fell, therefore, to Mr. Baldwin and his colleagues to determine the attitude of England towards it, and in so doing to decide its fate; for that was recognised on all hands that the Protocol could not survive refusal by Britain to assume the obligations and under-take the liabilities which it would have imposed upon us. Without the British Navy the Protocol was

no other course open to them? A mere negative, without the suggestion of any alternative, would have been disastrous.

Germany had not complied with the disarmament conditions of the Treaty of Versailles, and France was determined not to evacuate the occupied territory unless some

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BRITAIN'S AIR DEFENCES

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He explained that as a result of the modification of the programme announced last May in the light of developments abroad, the Metropolitan Squadrons would ultimately be increased to 122, with a first-line strength of approximately 1,750, and a further 12 Squadrons would be formed for duties overseas. By the end of the next financial year the first

line strength of the Royal Air Force would have been doubled in the short space of two years. He did not think any fighting service had ever been set up comparable in a time of peace.

In his review of civil aviation, Sir Philip Sassoon stated that in connection with the plans for a trans-Atlantic service, the aim was to make an experimental beginning this year, if possible, and at the latest early next year.

"MUI TSAI" SYSTEM IN HONG KONG

DESIRE FOR DETAILS OF COMMISSION

RESOLUTION TO MAKE CIVIL SERVICE LESS COSTLY

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. Jose Pedro Braga, O.B.E., pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:

1. Will the Government communicate to the Council any information in its possession concerning the telegraphed report, dated London, March 6, 1936, that Mr. J. H. Thomas has decided to despatch a Commission of Enquiry from Britain to Hong Kong to further investigate the *mai tsai* system?

2. Will the Government inform the Council whether—

(a) the report is true;

(b) if true, at whose expense the Commission will be proceeding to Hong Kong; and

(c) if it be at the Colony's expense, will His Excellency the Governor forthwith protest against the imposition of any further expenditure on local taxpayers in presence of the Colony's unbalanced Budget for the current financial year?

MOTIONS

The Colonial Treasurer to move the following resolutions:

1. That this Council approves under Section 3 (2) of the Hong Kong Dollar Loan Ordinance, No. 11 of 1934, of the following transfers in the Schedule as amended by the resolution of 16th May, 1935.

Item No. 2—Shing Mun Valley Water Scheme from \$10,043,533 to \$10,443,530.

Item No. 4—New Gaol at Stanley from \$4,631,000 to \$4,500,000.

Item No. 5—Tyam Tuk Catchwaters from \$800,000 to \$720,000.

Item No. 6—Airport Development from \$835,000 to \$875,486.

Item No. 8—Other Public Works from \$279,823 to \$10,338.

2. That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$5,223,077.82 on the various items of Loan Works as enumerated below during the financial year 1936 which sum shall be met from surplus balances pending the issue of a further loan.

SCHEDULE

Head 2—Shing Mun Valley Water Scheme.	
(b) 2nd Section.	
(3) Gorge Dam	\$1,800,000.00
(5) 2nd 24" Trunk Main	300,000.00
(6) 3rd Rapid Gravity Filters	250,000.00
Head 3—Vehicular Ferry	62,022.51
Head 4—New Gaol at Stanley	2,600,000.00
Head 5—Tyam Tuk Catchwaters	59,751.17
Head 6—Airport	
(6) Airport and Seaplane Slipway	151,304.14
	\$5,223,077.82

OTHER MOTIONS

The Attorney General will move—

1. That the amendment to the Market by-laws made by the Urban Council under section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 13 of 1935, on January 7, 1936, be approved.

2. That the amendment to the Scavenging by-law made by the Urban Council under section 4 (xv) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, on January 7, 1936, be approved.

3. That the amendment to the General and Licensing by-laws made by the Urban Council under sections 2 and 4 of the Hawkers Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 22 of 1935, on January 7, 1936, be approved.

FIRST READINGS

The Attorney General will move the First reading of—

"A Bill to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932."

"A Bill to amend the Stonecutters Island Ordinance, 1889."

"A Bill to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1932."

"A Bill to regulate the Deportation of Undesirable British Subjects."

"A Bill to make provision for a levy on the salaries of public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service."

SECOND READINGS

The Attorney General will move the Second reading of—

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to Telecommunication."

"A Bill to amend the law relating to the capacity, property and liabilities of married women and the liabilities of husbands."

"A Bill to amend the law relating to alcoholic liquors."

RESOLUTION

The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam will move the following resolution:

"That in the opinion of this Council the Colony cannot afford to maintain so large and costly a Civil Service as now exists, and that the Government should take immediate steps to effect all possible retrenchments in the same."



PAPER MONEY PROBLEMS

Cost Of Living In Kwangtung

IMPORTED COMMODITIES MORE EXPENSIVE

From Our Own Correspondent
Canton, To-day.

It is semi-officially reported that the Canton Government has no intention of adopting the standard currency for the time being. The Kwangtung Provincial Bank has circulated \$120,000,000 in paper money on a subsidiary basis, and it will be too much trouble to withdraw them and release new notes on a standard basis.

The present paper currency is lower in value than Hong Kong and Shanghai currency by 30 and 20 per cent respectively. Several attempts were made by the Provincial Department of Finance to convert the present currency into the standard rate, but such a step is now deemed inexpedient.

Both sides consider the Sudan question, which has as yet not been touched, exceedingly difficult. In general the possibility of reaching a mutually satisfactory solution of all the problems is regarded somewhat pessimistically by British circles, whereas on the Egyptian side goodwill seems to be present, although it is admitted that the obstacles in the way are very great—Trans-Ocean Service.

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